

Wellstone Amendment No. 2752, to impose a moratorium on large agribusiness mergers and to establish a commission to review large agriculture mergers, concentration, and market power.

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Moynihan Amendment No. 2663, to make certain improvements to the bill with respect to low-income debtors.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Moynihan Amendment No. 2663 (listed above), with a vote to occur thereon.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

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Appointment:

Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–277, announced the appointment of Deborah C. Ball, of Georgia, to serve as a member of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse for a three-year term.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran which was declared in Executive Order No. 12170; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–74).

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Transmitting the annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Board for fiscal year 1998; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–75).

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Transmitting the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1998; referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–76).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

W. Michael McCabe, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2003.

Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2004.

Janie L. Jeffers, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14651.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Deanna T. Okun, of Idaho, to be a Member and Commissioner of the United States International Trade Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 3373–3413; 3 private bills, H.R. 3414–3416; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79–81, H. Con. Res. 229–231, and H. Res. 377–381, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 106–470);

H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility, amended (H. Rept. 106-471);

H.R. 2086, to authorize funding for networking and information technology research and development for fiscal years 2000 through 2004, amended (H. Rept. 106-472, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 381, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 80, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 473).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Theodore Schneider of Atlanta, Georgia

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

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Private Calendar: Agreed that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with on November 16, 1999.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

State Flexibility Clarification Act: H.R. 3257, amended, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 587);

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Releasing Interests in Washington County, Utah: H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange;

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Acquisition of Lands in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, Utah: H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah;

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Including Cat Island, Mississippi in the Gulf Islands National Seashore: H.R. 2541, amended, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi;

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Prohibiting Oil and Gas Drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake, Cortland, Ohio: H.R. 2818, to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake in Cortland, Ohio;

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Increasing the Acreage of Federal Leases for Sodium: H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State;

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Condemning the Assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian: H. Con. Res. 222, condemning the assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other officials of the Armenian Government and expressing the sense of the Congress in mourning this tragic loss of the duly elected leadership of Armenia (agreed by a yeas and nays vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 588);

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Supporting the Concluded Elections in India: H. Con. Res. 211, expressing the strong support of the Congress for the recently concluded elections in the Republic of India and urging the President to travel to India (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 396 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 589)

Pages H12015-18, H12019-20

Supporting Democracy, Free Elections, and Human Rights in Laos: H. Res. 169, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to democracy free elections, and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas with 1 voting "nay", Roll No. 591). Agreed to amend the title.

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U.S. Policy Toward the Slovak Republic: H. Con. Res. 165, expressing United States policy toward the Slovak Republic (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 404 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 592);

Pages H12026-29, H12061-62

Conflict in North Caucasus Region of the Russian Federation: H. Con. Res. 206, amended, expressing grave concern regarding armed conflict in the North Caucasus region of the Russian Federation which has resulted in civilian casualties and internally displaced persons and urging all sides to pursue dialog for peaceful resolution of the conflict (agreed to be a yeas and nays vote of 407 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 593);

Pages H12029-33, H12062-63

Funding for Diabetes Research: H. Res. 325, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of increased support and funding to combat diabetes (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 594);

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Honoring the Late Walter Payton: H. Res. 370, recognizing and honoring Walter Payton and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death;

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Honoring the Late Joe Serna, Mayor of Sacramento, California: H. Res. 363, recognizing and honoring Sacramento, California, Mayor Joe Serna, Jr., and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family and the people of Sacramento on his death;

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Veterans Millennium Health Care Act: Conference report on H.R. 2116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H12046–56**

Leif Ericson Millennium Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3373, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson. **Pages H12056–59**

Suspension Failed—United States Marshals Service Improvement Act: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2336, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 595. **Pages H12063–64**

Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2112, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Sensenbrenner, Coble, Conyers, and Berman. **Pages H12020**

Providing for Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 374, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules by a ye and nay vote of 214 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 590. Pursuant to the provisions of the resolution, H. Res. 342 was laid on the table. **Pages H12059–60**

Suspensions: Pursuant to H. Res. 374, Representative Thune announced suspensions to be considered by the House. **Page H12064**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Federal Labor Relations Authority: Message wherein he transmitted his annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Government Reform; **Page H12064**

National Emergency Re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted his 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–159); and **Page H12064**

Railroad Retirement Board: Message wherein he transmitted his Annual Report of the Railroad Re-

tirement Board for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H12064**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:59 p.m. and reconvened at 12:44 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12018, H12019, H12019–20, H12060, H12061, H12061–62, H12062–63, H12063, and H12063–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:45 a.m. on Wed. Nov. 17.

Committee Meetings

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.J. Res. 80, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

DRUG PB—EFFECTS ON PERSIAN GULF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on the possible health effects of the drug pyridostigmine bromide (PB) on veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sue Bailey, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Bernard D. Rostker, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Gulf War Illnesses; Frances Murphy, M.D., Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; public witnesses; and representatives of veterans organizations.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1295)

H.J. Res. 76, waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general appropriations or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000. Signed November 10, 1999. (P.L. 106–93)